

VETO POWER OF THE PRESIDENT.

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The people may be deceived and tricked out of the presidency by the two old parties, but the key of reform is the lower house of congress. The will of congress is the will of the people, and a majority is law. To say that the president shall not exercise the veto power to override a law of congress is to say no more than Hamden and Cromwell said to Charles I; no more than Jefferson and Washington said to George III.

It was the unwarranted assumption of the veto power over the laws of parliament that cost Charles I his head. But it was not the purpose of the revolution of 1640 to destroy the veto power of the king, but to confine it to its ancient constitutional limits, to-wit: To preserve, protect and defend the structure or form of the government. And while no monarch of England has attempted to exercise the veto power since the reign of Charles II, yet the queen of England would be justified in interposing the veto power to prevent the extinguishment of the crown—the change of the right of succession or abolition of the house of lords. And so would the president be justified in the use of the veto power to prevent the destruction of his office, the abolition of the senate, the extinguishment of states, or a palpable violation of the rights of the states; more than this would make the president a legislator and a usurper of the powers of one of the co-ordinant branches of the government.

Following the precedent in the English constitution, the veto power was given the president to "preserve, protect and defend" the constitution; not to be used to defeat legislation. The fathers did not suppose that a president of a republic would be allowed to assume a power over congress that was denied to the British crown over parliament. This unchallenged veto power makes the president a four-years' monarch and a party tyrant. With this club, congress has been menaced, and measures of reform throttled or frustrated.

To this assumption of the veto power of the president may be traced the fealty to party, the spoils system, and the greater ills of government.

Laws favoring special interests are sometimes clandestinely passed, as in the case of the demonetization of silver; and again, laws are enacted that appear on their face to be wholesome laws that in practice prove to be unjust laws; but if they are found to favor sectional or class interests, the president stands in the doorway of their repeal. This domination of the president over congress has gone so far as to even stop the introduction of bills for reform, as witness in Mr. Cleveland's administration. The free coinage of silver was the shibboleth of the democratic party in the campaign of 1894, but Mr. Cleveland's influence stopped the agitation of this question in a democratic house for four years. Do you suppose that we want to give such a man half a vote? We have no interests in Mr. Cleveland or Mr. Harrison. They are the candidates of the money power, who, with folded arms, are now placidly witnessing the strife going on between the prejudiced fools of the two old parties for the smiles of their leaders and for the postoffices.

But we are told that a vote for Weaver in Kansas is a half vote for Cleveland. Men and parties are nothing; principle are everything. We are voting for free coinage of silver, for the abolition of national banks and for an increase of cur-

rency by government loans of money direct to the people. The south has never thrown any eggs at these principles. Black, the opponent of Tom Watson, is running on the St. Louis and Ocala demands, and so is Livingston, the democratic nominee for congress in the Atlanta district. No candidate for office south of Mason and Dixon's line dare oppose these just demands of the people.

But what will Kansas do? we are asked. This leader in reform and leader of states, Kansas, has never falsified her record. She will stick to her aim, and hold on with a bull dog's grip. Kansas will give Weaver 50,000 majority, will elect Lewelling governor, and the entire People's party ticket. She will elect a United States senator, and send a solid delegation of People's party men to the lower house of congress. This is the answer and the moral greeting to the south and the west.

Unhallowed Ambitions.

Not content with making an extravagant use of the aggregated capital placed in their management through the political forms of a charter; not content with paying themselves exorbitant salaries and decreeing that their section hands should get a dollar a day to support themselves and families, the railroads in this state seek to usurp the powers of government. We have seen that they interfered with nominating conventions, and have managed to foist unsavory candidates on the republican party, men who have been and will be tools of theirs, and now they hope that the "hurrah of a presidential campaign" will carry them through. The climax of their impudence was reached when they called a "straight democratic" convention of their own, not to nominate a democratic ticket, but to whip in the straight-outs to the republican ranks.

And now, forsooth, they have determined that the people shall not elect an independent legislature to serve them, but that each member must be the subservient creature of their own unscrupulous corporations. Their whippers-in, whether labeled republicans or democrats, have got their cue. There can be no legislation to check the rapacity of corporations and combinations called trusts. Messrs. President and Directors, we would have you remember that your business is the carrying trade. The people are aroused, and not so easily humbugged as you think. Neglect your only legitimate business, and the people may put your corporation in the hands of an honest receiver.

Then and Now.

It is said that the chameleon can change its color and appearance so its old acquaintances would not know it. The chameleon is a mere circumstance to the sliding scale of republican principles. Once that party was the handmaid of reform; now it is the tool of Wall street and the sycophantic drummer for avaricious corporations. Once it was the champion of the downtrodden and the weak; now it is the hired bully of organized capital. Shall liberty loving men follow it when its infidelities are multiplied like sands of the sea shore?

Nay, even worse than that; its platform is one thing, and its candidates and speeches quite another. Its platform favors the old silver coinage standard, unless it is an evasive lie, while its speakers, Anthony, Long, Burton and Perkins, denounce it as "dishonest." If a speaker should rise and attempt honestly to preach from the republican platform, even he would at once get into a row with these fellows. The republican platform with all its equivocations would

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lead the people to believe that it is opposed to the avaricious conspiracies of trusts, combines and corporations, while its speakers, by their words and lives, seem to hold that the people are no longer sovereign, but that organized capital must dictate prices, wages and all that concerns prosperity or misery among men. Shall justice or the dollar mark rule over us?

Yes, "now and then." Perkins, the skirts of whose garments reek with jobs, little more than a year ago spoke in congress in favor of free coinage, because he said the people of Kansas favored it, now speaks against it at the dictates of his master, Anthony, who in the single gold standard did missionary work in New Orleans and Colorado, and who has been a bitter enemy of the American double standard, is the candidate of a party that still professes to favor the double standard. Can such men properly represent the people of Kansas? Are these the men who will jealously care for the interest of working men? They denounce the organization of labor as anarchy, and sustain the organization of capital as the necessary protection of property. These men have been the creatures and servants of corporations. Are they the kind of representatives the people want to defend their just interests?

All the Same.

State Journal.

The New York Herald publishes the following as an instance of how little the democratic business men of New York care whether Cleveland is elected or not:

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ence this year between the tickets. I wouldn't give \$100 to name the president; one candidate is just as good as the other."

This is a conversation related to me by a prominent democratic collector of campaign funds—a red hot Cleveland man, at that. It took place between himself and a Rochester Cleveland business man who has always "put up" liberally heretofore for party expenses. The feeling of this business man illustrates very forcibly the disposition of business men generally in western New York. They don't care a rap whether it be Cleveland or Harrison, and they are consequently taking very little interest in politics.

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